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MAY MORNING

*This morning I arose at dawn,
Pushed by an uncompleted chore.
Our burdened Jersey, far afield,
Had not been milked the night before.
And, oh, I'm glad for duty's shove
That got me out at break of day,
When all unknowing, in my bed,
I might have slept the hour away.
For Life was out ahead of me.*

*Some growing thing had quietly perfumed the morning,
Undisturbed by the fog which hugged the hill-tops round about.
I filled my lungs with its lovely fragrance
While I pinned the throat of my tawny sweater
with the tip of a twig,
Then hurried on, mindful of waiting tasks at home.*

*The cool new green of budding firs returned
my wondering caress,
Leaving my palms aglow with its lingering softness.*

*Drawn by a sense ill-understood
My listening ear tuned for a bell,
I made my way back toward the wood.*

*Beyond the ridge, across the creek,
In an open glade I found the ground
Carpeted with wild strawberry plants.
The delicately flavored scarlet fruit
Seemed fitting fare as I tarried there,
Aware at last of the cowbell sound.*

*Led by the call of the ringing bell
I found the cow by the old woods gate,
Her bulging udder leaving a trail
Of milky dewdrops to tell of her wait.
And overhead, a great red-tail,
With wingspan wide as the browsing Jersey,
Silently rode to a fluttering pause
On the yielding tip of the closest fir tree.*

*I spoke to the cow. The hawk flew off,
Startled. Had he mistaken my tawny wrap
For the back of another cow
Among the bushes in that wild green place?*

*We started home, the cow and I,
She through the bushes to brush off a fly.
I walked around, and there I found
A wild rose, the first this year.*

*Oh, Life, to think you flourish there
Unsung, untasted, though so fair;
While I, unthinking, settle for
The routine of my household chore!*

*Oh, Soul, what joys, what unknown call
Do you forgo when life is small?*

—LOIS BARTON
Eugene Meeting

TOWARD THE GOOD ORDER OF FRIENDS IN THE CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

The Discipline of the Society of Friends is not necessarily easy to understand or to practice, and I suppose I am not alone in having felt inadequate or obstructive in meetings for business. Seeking help, I took a course at the University of Hawaii this past year which included consideration of the conduct of business and discussion by methods similar to ours. The use of consensus and the sense of the meeting is finding application in many other groups, and sociologists and psychologists have done a good deal of research into how it works. In this course it was called "the group-centered approach to problem solving," and insight was presented into the role of the member in a Friends' meeting for business.

The course described barriers, of which we may be only dimly aware, which can hamper "full, free, and prayerful consideration." Faith that "the Light can draw us into agreement in our common affairs" may help us to control our feelings or enable us to peer through barriers to communication; but perhaps recognition of barriers as they may exist within ourselves will make it possible to overcome them and free the Light to shine through us more clearly.

In addition, some guidelines were suggested for behavior and attitudes that may ease our joining in "the common effort of the Society to search for and follow the inner Light."

This article is an attempt to share leadings toward better practice in the good order of Friends. The main text is drawn from the course, in which analysis was intended to describe any

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1966 YEARLY MEETING: August 14-18, 1966
Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon

"group-centered" group. In italics are quotations from the *Discipline* of Pacific Yearly Meeting chosen for their relevance, in the hope that the comparison will lead to greater understanding.

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Being orderly come together . . . proceed in the wisdom of God. In ideal "group-centered" thinking or action, each member is free to participate creatively, and all resources are used. A summary of responsibility of members of a group-centered group might be put in these terms: to try to see and help state the problems; to offer solutions, or recognize them when offered; to remain open to improvement in suggested solutions; to respect the other members of the group, trying to understand their ideas without making value judgments of them as people.

Failure to approximate this ideal is usual. There are barriers operating against effective group participation within both individuals and the group.

Barriers inhibiting an individual from participation in discussion may include:

—feelings of personal inadequacy in the presence of persons felt to be superior; yet — *The religious practices of Friends follow from the conviction that the divine Light is accessible to all.*

— fear of evaluation and subsequent rejection; yet — *Friends are urged . . . to be mutually forbearing.*

— reactions to authority which may lead either to conformity and submission or to hostility; yet — *To will what God wills is . . . to will what we ourselves really want.*

— ego-centered participation, a tendency to use the group situation to satisfy individual needs that may be in conflict with group needs or goals; yet — *To discover what we really want as compared with what at first we think we want, we must go below the surface of self-centered desires.*

Some other attitudes that may act as barriers: Most of us need attention; some demand it by excessive talking. Some have aggressive feelings toward others that find expression in criticism through "person-centered" rather than "issue-centered" remarks. *Do you manifest a forgiving spirit and a care for the reputation of others?*

Some people may be seeking status, or dominance, or catharsis. . . . *submitting to one another in lowliness of heart . . .*

* * *

There are barriers arising from a group as a whole that may inhibit effective communication. They include:

— limited face-to-face contacts. *Do you attend meetings for worship and business regularly and punctually?* At meetings alone there is usually not enough opportunity to deepen personal relationships. *Do you visit one another in your homes?*

— status differences, such as difference in age; or the presence of those thought to be superior, which may prevent whole-hearted contacts. *What*

are you doing to draw members and attenders . . . together in a spirit of fellowship?

— devaluation of the work of other members. *Are you open to light and truth whenever they may appear?*

— and, one of the major barriers to communication and development, the tendency of individuals to defend their own ideas and to fear change. *Friends are urged . . . to be concerned for the good of the meeting as a whole rather than to vindicate a personal preference.*

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We live in a world of words: If we understand each other, we can share ideas; if not, the end is argument and confusion. There are barriers arising out of how people talk to each other.

One oral barrier arises through a person's jumping to conclusions and in a declarative sentence confusing facts with inferences based on guesses, or opinions, or even on the facts. Most people make no distinction in a declarative statement between facts and this kind of inference. Statements of facts are confined to what one has observed or experienced, and they tend to get agreement. Statements of inference go beyond what one has observed or experienced, and they tend to produce disagreement. *Those who feel led to speak should do so clearly and simply.*

A second oral barrier is "all-ness" — know-it-all-ness. This is commonly expressed in the tone of voice. Many people speak with a tone of finality that says, "I've said all there is to say." If this is meant, it is based on two false assumptions: first, that it is possible for any one person to know and say something about everything, and second, that what he thinks or says includes everything of importance about the subject. Some results of "know-it-all-ness" are judging the whole by its part, intolerance of other viewpoints, and the building of an "all-wall" in one's mind that shuts out new knowledge and makes it difficult to continue learning . . . *greater wisdom than our own may be required . . .*

An unintentional tone of "all-ness" in speech often accompanies selection of some details to emphasize and neglect of or failure to notice others while trying to state an idea clearly. Our spoken language tends toward this kind of abstraction of details from the mass, and it is difficult to remember this tendency. A tone of "all-ness" may also result from defensiveness. *Having expressed a view, a Friend should refrain from pressing it unduly.*

The barrier of "all-ness" can be reduced by developing humility and the conviction that one cannot know or say everything about anything. *An open mind and heart and an earnest desire for ever-increasing Light is of chief concern.*

"All-ness" can also be reduced by being wary of moments when one feels too assured and certain; by remembering that whatever one knows, there

is always more to be learned; by recalling that in speaking it is common to "abstract" or attend to some details while overlooking others. A useful practice is to add to remarks "et cetera" (silently), to remind oneself that there is always more to be known. When listening, anticipate that other people may also be "abstracting." *Do you seek the right course of action with a patient search for unity and a willingness to accept the authority of Truth?*

A third barrier arising out of spoken language may be called by-passing or projection. By-passing is listening only to the literal words without considering the situation. Projecting is imbuing the words with one's own feelings or one's own interpretation of the motives and feelings of the speaker. It is better to look for the simplest meaning of a statement; if in doubt as to the meaning, the simple thing to do is ask. Equally, if asked what one means, do not project subtle assumptions of possible feelings and motives of the questioner; rather, answer straight-forwardly in words that may clarify the original statement. *When another speaks, we should listen, not in a critical attitude; but with an open spirit, seeking the thought behind the words and holding the speaker in love.*

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There are three practices vital to "group-centered" discussions or conduct of business that will help to overcome barriers to communication and make easier the solution of problems. They are:

Listening

Conveying Acceptance

Linking

Listening

Listening requires close attention and the desire to understand. We must *want* to understand how the speaker looks at his world. We must *want* to put ourselves with the speaker in respect to his feelings and how he sees things. *May we learn to listen to one another with openness of heart and in good faith, aware that greater wisdom than our own may be required to meet the needs of our brother and of ourselves.* To do this, we must give up our secret goals, our authority, our prestige. There is an element of risk — that we may ourselves be changed. *Participation in the life of the Meeting should bring about further religious growth.*

In listening, it will be helpful to reflect the meaning of a statement. Reflection is a simple restatement in one's own language. If the original meaning was not clear, it may be useful to reflect aloud and see if the restatement is acceptable to the speaker. The purpose is to get at the meaning and indicate to the speaker that one is listening. Use a questioning manner: "Do I understand you to mean that . . . ?" Reflection can also be an inward exercise, and it is useful for all members to reflect before going on to make statements. Don't project — reflect! *After a message has been given, Friends*

should allow time to ponder its meaning and to search themselves before another speaks.

Listening and reflecting of this quality has a number of results. One is that the members will make a greater effort to express ideas and opinions more clearly. A result of being listened to is that the fear of evaluation and subsequent rejection (one of the barriers to individual participation) is removed, and defensiveness will drop. *We should not let pride or fear keep us from accepting the love and care of God and our fellow men . . .*

Members will open their minds through reflective listening to new understanding. When conflicts or controversies arise, members are more likely to alter their viewpoint than to defend it stubbornly. And members will listen more and talk less. *Not in the way of the world . . . by hot contests, by seeking to outspoke and overreach one another in discourse . . .*

Conveying Acceptance

People do not give of themselves in an atmosphere of criticism, threat, or rejection. Reflective listening attitudes will produce an atmosphere of acceptance. This atmosphere can also be created and accelerated by avoiding responses that convey intent to change others; by avoiding responses that convey critical appraisals of others, either favorable or unfavorable; or responses that convey interpretations of the feelings of another speaker. *Are your meetings for business held in a spirit of love, understanding, and forbearance?*

Linking

Linking is providing transitions and joinings between ideas. Discussion is forwarded by members who are gifted in expression of links. However, everyone can make the inward effort to look for links between ideas. *Through agreement in a "sense of the meeting," Quaker practice seeks to reconcile the demands both of freedom and order, individual inspiration and corporate wisdom.*

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The attempt has been to show how overcoming barriers and the practice of listening, conveying acceptance, and linking are related to the practice of Friends, hoping for better understanding of the role of the member in the good order among us. Beneath the good order must lie the continuing realization that *the spirit of worship is essential to that type of business meeting in which the group endeavors to act as a unit.*

The Role of the Leader

The course also gave attention to different kinds of leadership, from authoritarian to group-centered. It was held that there is no "best" kind, but that if there is a choice, the type used should be determined by the situation. The type of leadership exercised will largely determine the way the group will function. In Friends meetings, of course, the "group-centered leader" is the Clerk.

It sometimes happens that a group-centered leader will act like a different kind of leader, evok-

ing a different response from people. If, for example, the Clerk acts in an authoritarian manner, the character of the meeting for business will be likely to depart from the ideal of Quaker practice.

Some of the types of leader are:

- The authoritarian leader, who prevents members from initiating responses, perhaps by initiating them first himself.

- The strict supervisory leader, who usually has pre-considered opinions; and while he lets the group discuss a problem, at some point he brings out the solution to which all must agree.

- The democratic leader, who *lets* the group do and decide things, and *accepts* their achievements.

- The non-directive leader, who helps members to direct their own affairs.

- The group-centered leader, who respects the ability of the group to decide. He tries to help by listening, conveying acceptance, and linking; and he avoids joining in discussions or in making decisions except as a member of the group. By acting as a group-centered leader, he makes it more likely that the group will be group-centered.

The parallels between this last type of leader and the Clerk are close, and for the Clerk are clearly stated in the *Discipline*. However, leaders of other Friends' groups, such as committees or worship-fellowship groups, may find some remarks on technique helpful. It should be remembered that the group-centered method requires plenty of time, and if time is lacking, they should possibly operate in another way unless the members are already skillful in this technique.

The first meeting of a new group is a decisive point in determining its character. This is perhaps the most important association of the leader with members, because first impressions tend to persist, even though his behavior may change. The leader should refrain from any overt act of leadership, since almost any such act will cause some members to turn to him as the authority from then on, and address all their contributions to him. Some members will feel conscious of him as having superior status, and may be inhibited to the point where they will not participate in the discussion at all.

For the leader, the first meeting of a new group may provoke tension and anxiety; a normal reaction by members is one of *no* reaction, and nothing may happen. Or chaos may reign and the meeting break up with nothing accomplished. The length of this period will depend on the ability of the members.

Although the group-centered approach is the most difficult for both leader and members, it is this kind of group that is most likely to develop wholehearted participation of all members in discussion, decisions, and action.

—ALICE DART

Eugene Meeting

(With acknowledgments to Donald W. Klopff, Associate Professor of Speech, University of Hawaii)

REGISTRATION FOR PACIFIC YEARLY MEETING 1966

TO BE HELD AT LINFIELD COLLEGE, McMinnville, Oregon

Please print

ADULTS _____
Last Name First Name Sex

NIGHTS YOU WILL BE AT
YEARLY MEETING:
August 14 - 17, 1966

CHILDREN _____
Name Age Sex

Sun. _____ Mon. _____

Tues. _____ Weds. _____

HOME ADDRESS _____
Street or Box Number

Aug. 13 (Comm. Meetings)

City State Zip Code

Sat. _____

MEETING AFFILIATION _____

No. of Adults (over 21) _____

SPECIAL NEED (to be met at bus, physical limitations including those of children,
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No. Jr. & Yg. Friends _____

No. children (5-11) _____

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS _____

No. under 5 _____

1966

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ROOM AND BOARD	4 DAYS	5 DAYS
Over 21	\$26.00	\$32.00
12 - 21	18.00	22.00
2 - 12	10.00	12.00
Under 2	4.00	5.00

MEALS ONLY (under 2 no charge)

Over 21	15.00	19.00
12 - 21	10.00	14.00
2 - 12	7.00	9.00
Breakfast over 21	4.00	5.00
12 - 21	3.00	3.75
2 - 12	2.00	2.50
Lunch over 21	5.00	6.25
12 - 21	4.00	5.00
2 - 12	2.60	3.25
Dinner over 21	6.00	7.50
12 - 21	5.00	6.25
2 - 12	3.00	3.75

ROOM ONLY

Over 12—\$2.50 per person per night
Under 12—\$1.25 per person per night

CAMPING—50c per person per night (Max.
\$2.00 per immediate family per night)

MEALS ONLY — BY THE MEAL
(No charge under 2)

Breakfast	Please circle days	No.	Amount
Over 12—\$1.25	Su. M. T. W. Th.	_____	_____
2 - 12 .65	Su. M. T. W. Th.	_____	_____

Lunch	Please circle days	No.	Amount
Over 12—\$1.50	Su. M. T. W. Th.	_____	_____
2 - 12 .75	Su. M. T. W. Th.	_____	_____

Dinner	Please circle days	No.	Amount
Over 12—\$2.00	Sa. Su. M. T. W.	_____	_____
2 - 12 1.00	Sa. Su. M. T. W.	_____	_____

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2. Total amount as listed above, or
3. Family Maximum: 4 days, \$90.00; 5 days, \$100.

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Families with children, please fill out portion below

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NAME	SEX	AGE	GRADE (Fall '66)

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NAME	SEX	AGE	GRADE (Fall '66)

Parent or
Adult Sponsor _____

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NAME	SEX	AGE	GRADE (Fall '66)

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NAME	SEX	AGE

Parent or
Adult Sponsor _____

Parent or
Adult Sponsor _____

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

Room Assignments:

Registration Fee

Meals and lodging

Total

Amt. paid with Reg.

BALANCE DUE

PLANS FOR YEARLY MEETING

Pacific Yearly Meeting will be held August 14-18, on the campus of Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon. Representative Committee and standing committees will convene on August 13. Dinner will be the first meal on these days of arrival.

Linfield campus is small and attractive, with a commodious dining hall, several dormitories, and good recreational facilities. Rooms are for two people, and beds will be made up; but guests must bring their own towels. Camping is possible in an open field across the street from one of the dorms, whose lavatory and laundry facilities will be available to campers. There are no tables or benches, and no cooking fires are allowed; bring portable gasoline stoves.

Costs. Registration forms are enclosed with this *Bulletin*, to be returned no later than July 28. Registration fee for those age 12 and over is \$1. Other costs are as follows:

Board and Lodging (using college bed)

	4 days	5 days
Over 21	\$26.00	\$32.00
12 - 21	18.00	22.00
2 - 12	10.00	12.00
2 and under	4.00	5.00
Family maximum	90.00	100.00

Meals only

	Over 21	12-21	2-12
4 days	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$7.00
5 days	19.00	14.00	9.00
4 days Breakfast	4.00	3.00	2.00
Lunch	5.00	4.00	2.60
Dinner	6.00	5.00	3.00
5 days Breakfast	5.00	3.75	2.50
Lunch	6.25	5.00	3.25
Dinner	7.50	6.25	3.75

Single Meals

	12-100	2-12
Breakfast	\$1.25	\$.65
Lunch	1.50	.75
Dinner	2.00	1.00

(No charge for meals for those under 2)

Lodging (in college bed): Over 12, \$2.50 per person per night; under 12, \$1.25 per person per night.

Camping: 50c per person per night. Maximum — \$2.00 per night for immediate family.

No fee for lodging will be charged for one or two young persons (under 21) who bring their own cot or sleeping bag and use the same room with two members of their family who have paid for lodging. The limit is 4 persons per room, and this reduction is available only in rooms assigned as family groups.

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—JACKIE VAN DYKE
Corvallis Meeting

LETTER TO JUNIOR FRIENDS

Dear Junior Friends,

Pacific Yearly Meeting is almost here. I hope that all of you will attend and have a wonderful time with fun and fellowship.

Yearly Meetings have always been a meaningful experience, and we are working hard to have this one meet the high standards set in previous years. The schedule will follow the general pattern of worship-fellowship groups with the adults and discussions in the morning, with recreation (swimming in McMinnville, volley ball, pool, bowling, etc.), free time, and Quaker Dialogues in the afternoon. Oh! I suppose we'll have to throw in some business meetings to make Yearly Meeting real. Evenings will be filled with folk dancing, singing, family night, and spontaneous events. On the last night, we hope to have a party off-campus.

Our advisors are, for Junior High: Anna Cox and Jean Young; for Senior High, Ellen Hubbe, Jeanne Etter, and Foy Van Dolsen. Other adults will serve as house parents in our dorm.

As the 1964 Epistle said, Yearly Meeting is a lot of different things to different people. For these days to be successful, we must be willing to accept and follow some standards:

1) Out of respect for the law and Friends' testimony, there must be no liquor and no use of drugs of any kind while attending Yearly Meeting.

2) In compliance with college rules, all Friends must be in their sleeping area (dorm or campground) by 11 p.m. when all doors are locked. The dorm lounge will be available for dorm Friends to use after 11 p.m. The college will make adjustments for the last night party.

3) Each Junior Friend must have a parent or sponsor at Yearly Meeting, and should check with his sponsor or parent at least twice a day. Sponsors of Junior Friends who are camping must also be camping. Junior Friends who come without a parent should include with their registration a letter of recommendation from their Monthly Meeting adult Clerk, including the name of their sponsor.

4) During Yearly Meeting, attendance at meetings is often profitable and is strongly encouraged.

If you are not willing to accept and respect the above, then perhaps Yearly Meeting is not the place for you.

Like last time at Linfield, Junior Friends will have their own dorm (shared with houseparents), and I hope we are responsible enough so that our Ministry and Counsel will have no elderying to do.

I look forward to seeing and talking with each and every one of you at Linfield. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know.

Your Friend and Clerk,
LEYTON JUMP
 2806 NE Alameda
 Portland, Oregon 97212

PACIFIC NORTHWEST QUARTERLY MEETING

A warm, friendly Quarterly meeting was held in Tacoma on April 23. Not as large a group was in attendance as sometimes, but perhaps this made it possible to have a feeling of closeness. The small Hillside Community Church where we held the afternoon business session was informal and light, and the dinner served us by the church ladies was homelike and very good. Our Clerk, Pat Crouse, does an excellent job of keeping the business moving along, yet without a feeling of pressure, no easy task when time is so limited and concerns so vital.

Ministry and Counsel Committee raised questions about ways in which Quarterly Meeting could be made more meaningful, and Friends encouraged the committee to do further seeking along these lines.

The Education Committee is exploring the following areas: preparing Junior Friends for camp; ways of giving further consideration to behavior standards at Junior Friends gatherings; the importance of being truly open to "reachings-out" of Junior Friends.

The Peace and Service Committee asked Friends to consider the possibility of cooperating with the FOR in the Seaback Conference, and of collecting relief supplies for North Vietnam.

Junior Friends selected the following officers, to begin serving this fall: Patrick Taran, Clerk; Kate Willard, Assistant Clerk; Jody Young, Recording Clerk; Kathy Scott, Treasurer. Junior Friends camp will be held in late August, near Lake Chelan.

One statement made stands out particularly in my memory, the gist of it being: So live that each person in the community feels needed and each baby born is wanted. Toward this end is focused all our work in regard to race relations, narcotics, prisoner rehabilitation, Indian rights, violence in ourselves and in our society.

The evening fireside fellowships in members' homes were a rewarding experience. The small numbers made possible a meaningful interchange of ideas.

On Sunday, some participated in the Meeting for Worship at Tacoma Meeting House, while others attended the Hillside Church, where John Sullivan spoke on "Who Are These Quakers?" Highlight of the plentiful sandwich lunch following worship at the Meeting House was the celebration of Stanley Shaw's 80th birthday.

—Adapted from reports in University and Eastside Meeting newsletters.

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SOUTHERN CALIF. HALF-YEARLY MEETING

The 14th session of Southern California Half-Yearly Meeting met on May 15, 1966 at Orange Grove Meeting House in Pasadena. It was decided that this body will hereafter be known as Southern California *Quarterly* Meeting. The mid-winter fellowship will be continued, and any necessary business presented there, constituting a third session. The Yearly Meeting itself will take the place of the fourth session.

State of the Society reports seemed to lean heavily on activities as a means of assessing spiritual health. However, one Meeting reported a "widening and deepening" within its bounds, counting as a positive factor the conflicting viewpoints encountered. Another Meeting, feeling that "community is part of the act of worship," took its measurement in that regard and found that the experience of deeper commitment, though sometimes turbulent and painful, had compensatory joys. Quaker Dialogue techniques seemed of value in a number of Meetings. Small Meetings still encounter the familiar difficulties of manning and maintaining Sunday Schools. Evidence of concern for peace was marked in terms of representation at vigils, forums and discussion groups, with activities often reaching out into the community or campus, especially in those Meetings located on or near universities.

The evolution of orderly procedures has occupied a good deal of attention in the effort to use time efficiently and still preserve the spirit of Friends' manner of doing business, with several steps taken in that direction.

Reporting for the Peace Committee, Ian Thiermann gave an account, richly condensed, of the UN-Washington Friends Seminar which he attended in April. A large percentage of California Meetings were represented. Quaker House as well as the UN proved to be a high point, furnishing as it does an opportunity for UN delegates with differing points of view to come together on neutral ground for off-the-record sessions. Supported by the general fund of the AFSC, it is represented in the UN through the Friends World Committee under Non-Governmental Agencies. This relationship serves in its way to strengthen ties among Yearly Meetings in America. In a closed briefing at the UN, it was brought out that a new twist has been added to the problem of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, with countries such as Sweden and India asking the U. S. and the U.S.S.R. what we two powers will give up in return for their *not* making bombs. Participants were acquainted with some of the difficulties faced in international law where Western concepts are not accepted by underdeveloped nations as, for instance, in the concepts of private property versus expropriation of natural resources . . . and, what is the definition of "peace" — stabilization of the status quo?

The visit in Washington brought home anew the weight of unobtrusive influence afforded there by the FCNL and Friends such as Raymond Wilson. The importance of consistent, persistent witness on the part of Friends at home was again emphasized.

Memorials to Stephanie Ullman and Rega Engelsberg reminded Friends of their loss. A part of Rega's legacy was the poem written by her on the day she died (which was printed in full in the November *Bulletin*):

*I will not hate myself for sins
 Committed, nor for weakness that
 Retards my way to you. I love
 Myself and other creatures, in whom
 You placed the holy nature of Your seed.
 I'm coming, Lord, I'm on the way.*

—FRANCES WOODSON
Pacific Ackworth Meeting

WANTED: MATURE MARRIED COUPLE, without children, to serve on a minimum two-year appointment (starting in September) as Host and Hostess at Casa de los Amigos (Friends House) in Mexico City. For details write Ed Duckles, Ignacio Mariscal 132, Mexico 1, D. F., Mexico. —Advertisement

COLLEGE PARK QUARTERLY MEETING

The 72nd session of College Park Quarterly Meeting was held at United Christian Center, Sacramento, on April 16, 1966.

Reports from the Monthly Meetings indicated concern with the need for bringing people closer together, for community, for strengthening family ties.

A report of the special called meeting of March 12 on John Woolman School was read, and further consideration given to the situation there. Progress reports were also presented by the Principal and by the Educational Association. A special committee was named to explore the problems of the school with member Meetings of the Quarter, and to report to the next Quarterly Meeting in July.

The State of the Society report for the Quarter will also be presented in July, and mimeographed for distribution at Yearly Meeting.

The Peace Committee received approval to send information to Monthly Meetings regarding a united relief effort in behalf of victims of war in southeast Asia. It is hoped that funds can be raised to send one or more Friends to the war zone.

Possible new arrangements for Quarterly Meetings to meet expanding needs, were discussed. Monthly Meetings will be asked to consider various suggestions.

The Quarter also approved Grass Valley Meeting's concern for developing a continuous program for the young people in the Quarter, and asked the Junior Friends Advisory Committee to consider planning Cambria-type conferences.

—Adapted from CPQM Minutes

A GARDNER'S OBSERVATION

*Some flowers bloom
Better in the light.
Among there are
People and petunias.*

—EUBANKS CARSNER
Riverside Meeting



NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

ART DISPLAY AT YEARLY MEETING. One indication of the growing interest in art among Friends is that there will be a display of works by the artists and artisans of our Yearly Meeting during Pacific Yearly Meeting. We seek the works of painters, potters, weavers, sculptors, writers, jewelers, lithographers, photographers, poets, etc. If you feel your work is of a quality to be displayed, and you wish to show it, please write for an information sheet to: BARBARA PERRY, 2737 Woolsey St., Berkeley, Calif. 94705. We ask that you limit yourself to no more than three representative pieces.

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ATTENTION POTENTIAL HOUSEPARENTS! Junior Friends are looking for adults to serve as houseparents in their dorm at Yearly Meeting time. If you are interested, write to LEYTON JUMP, 2806 NE Alameda, Portland, Ore. 97212.

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THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS has established a West Coast office in San Francisco, to help meet the growing need for CO counseling. HENRY MAIDEN (Palo Alto Meeting) is serving as field worker.

SUMMER EVENTS. Because the AFSC-sponsored conferences and family camps are attended by a large number of non-Friends, mature Quaker participation is encouraged not only to set a tone and take leadership roles, but for the spiritual and intellectual challenges of the occasions. The following are planned for this summer:

—June 25 to July 2, **CAMP SIERRA WORLD AFFAIRS CONFERENCE**, on the theme: "U. S. Response to Social Revolution." Director will be ROBERT VOGEL (Orange Grove Meeting) and Dean, BEN SEAVER (San Francisco Meeting). Among the resource leaders will be HEBERTO SEIN (Mexico City Meeting), Asdrubal Salsamendi of UNESCO and George Lister of the State Department.

—July 31 to August 6, **WOOLMAN FAMILY CAMP** in Nevada City, California, with RUSSELL McARTHUR (Calgary Meeting) as resource leader.

—August 20 to 27, **SKY MEADOWS FAMILY CAMP**, Seven Oaks, Calif. RUSSELL McARTHUR will be resource leader here also, along with WILLIAM BUSH.

For information on any of the above, write the AFSC at 2160 Lake Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94121; or at Box 991, Pasadena, Calif. 91102.

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GOING TO WASHINGTON? Any Friends planning to visit Washington, D. C. this summer can help the FCNL to reach Congressmen through its successful program of "Wednesdays in Washington on Vietnam." Those planning to go are asked to notify BEN SEAVER, AFSC, 2160 Lake Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94121.

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The attention of *Bulletin* readers is called to an article on **FRIENDS AND SOUTH AFRICA** which will appear in the June 15th issue of the *Friends Journal*. This piece was prepared by a special committee concerned with the problems in that country, and gives a detailed explanation of their efforts and hopes.

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ART ISSUE. Meetings and individuals have responded profusely to our request for material for an issue of the *Bulletin* devoted to Friends and the Arts. We hope to put this together as a special August issue, and to have it available by Yearly Meeting time. However, as we have not heard at all from a number of Meetings, the deadline has been extended to July 1. Please let's hear from everyone, so our sampling can be really representative.

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MARRIED — On March 26, RENIE LINDLEY (Honolulu Meeting) and PETER MONTALBANO, both Peace Corps volunteers in Bangkok. She is the daughter of SAM and MARION LINDLEY of Honolulu Meeting. Both her father, who was in Thailand on a year's study of Buddhism, and her sister RENDA, who is a volunteer with the Tom Dooley Foundation in Nepal, were able to attend the ceremony, which was described as a "Quaker wedding with variations." The couple have two months vacation before returning to their work in the hills of Thailand.

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DEATHS

—On May 3, 1966, MONICA HOLLIDAY (Vancouver Meeting). The Meeting writes: "We are deeply grateful for the life of our Friend, Monica Holliday . . . Friends have, as a living memory, her warm and sympathetic friendship and her love for all creation. Monica's quiet strength, patience and courage were an inspiration to all during the last months of her illness."

"To Harry, her husband, and to Stella, John, and Mary, her children, Friends extend their loving concern in this time of loss and separation."

—On April 13, 1966, ROSE SCOTT, an older Friend and long-time member of University Meeting. A memorial service was held on May 1.

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NEWS OF FRIENDS

—PHIL BUSKIRK (College Park Meeting) has been named Executive Director of the Santa Clara County Economic Opportunity Commission. Phil was community relations director for the AFSC from 1953 to 1961, and most recently has served with the state EOC program on upgrading housing for domestic farm laborers.

—DIANE DENNIS (Multnomah Meeting) has been accepted at Oberlin College this fall with a generous scholarship.

—RUTH KENNEDY (Santa Monica Meeting) has returned home after a very interesting springtime in Australia.

—VICTOR and FRANCIA HARVONEN (University Meeting) left on May 1 to live in Finland, where they hope to make contacts with Friends. Until they find a home of their own, they will be staying with Victor's brother.

—ERLING and LIESEL SKORPEN and family (Reno Meeting) will be in Denver, Colorado from June 10 to August 1, while Erling attends a special philosophy institute.

—CHESTER and ALICE SPURRIER (College Park Meeting) have moved to Rochester, Minnesota. Always active in the Meeting, which Chet served as Clerk from 1959 to 1962, they will be very much missed.

—PRISCILLA TAYLOR (Santa Monica Meeting) spent her spring vacation on an AFSC work project at a Seri Indian village in Hermosillo, Mexico. Mexican and American teenagers worked together to whitewash the school and line the schoolyard with a stone fence.

FROM THE MEETINGS . . .

—THE MOUNTAIN-VALLEY FELLOWSHIP, composed of Meetings in central California and Nevada, met at Calaveras Big Trees State Park on May 14-15, with 150 in attendance, about half of them children. Good discussion, folkdancing, singing, and fine camping. The group plans to meet again in October, at John Woolman School.

—PALO ALTO MEETING is holding letter-writing sessions each Wednesday evening at Weber House. Friends are encouraged to write to lawmakers, newspapers, and officials to express their views on particular concerns, whether local, state, national, or international.

—SAN FERNANDO MEETING has a new schedule:

10:00 to 10:15 — Family sharing

10:15 to 10:25 — Family worship

10:30 to 11:10 — First Day School and adult discussion

11:15 — Meeting for Worship

—SANTA MONICA MEETING also has a new hour for Worship: Beginning on June 19, Meeting will begin at 11 a.m. During the school year, First Day School will be held during the preceding hour.

—SANTA BARBARA MEETING is holding silent vigils in mourning for the war in Vietnam on Wednesday noons at the campus of the University of California, Santa Barbara. They are exploring the possibility of extending these vigils. ORANGE GROVE MEETING has endorsed the setting up of such vigils in Pasadena, and will cooperate in organizing them.

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